

REMARKS

Claims 14-17 were pending and under consideration in this divisional application, claims 1-13 are cancelled.

In the Office Action of October 3, 2002, Claims 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gill et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,156,991). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 14, as amended, includes a gate electrode for controlling a MIS transistor which extends above the bypass film and is electrically coupled to the bypass film. Claim 17, as amended, includes a drain region that is located other than within any active region.

In contrast, Gill et al. fails to disclose a gate electrode for controlling a MIS transistor which extends above said bypass film and electrically coupled to said bypass film. Although Gill et al discloses forming a control gate (12) by extending it above window (19), Gill et al. fails to disclose or suggest the control gate having a contact with the window which allows for the characteristics of MIS to be suppressed that leads to be more uniform pixel display. Furthermore, while Gill et al. discloses a floating gate (17), it does not disclose a control gate for a MIS transistor as claim 14 does. Finally, Gill et al. does not disclose the limitations in claim 17 which includes a drain region that is located other than within any active region. This enables the working process to be carried out while performing destaticization through the bypass film. Accordingly, Gill et al. does not render the present invention obvious under §103(a).

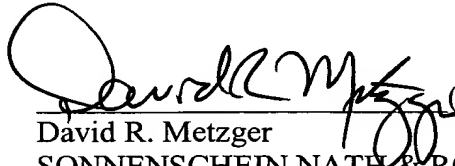
Claims 15-16 all depend directly from claim 14 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reason that claim 14 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits this rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that pending claims are patentable over the reference cited by the Examiner. Further, all of the Examiner's rejection has been addressed herein. It is, therefore, submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

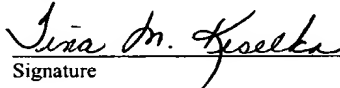
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